Major and medium irrigation projects

2479. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Irrigation Component of Bharat Nirman envisages creation of irrigation potential of 10 million hectare through major and medium irrigation projects as well as minor irrigation schemes;

(b) whether Government of India also launched a Pilot Scheme on "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in January, 2005 with an estimated cost of Rs. 300 crore with a view to restore and augment storage capacity of water bodies and also to recover their lost irrigation potential; and

(c) if so, what has been achieved so far by these two schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) As per the reports received from the State Governments, irrigation potential of 5.13 million hectare has been created during the period 2005-08.

Under the National Project for "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture", 26 district projects in 15 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Kerala and Maharashtra have been approved with an estimated cost of Rs. 299.92 crore and central share of Rs. 197.30 crore has been released to the States. These projects cover 1098 water bodies with total culturable command area of 1.72 lakh hectares. The physical work for restoration has been completed in respect of 923 bodies.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (2007-08) of the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Forty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited (NCCF), New Delhi, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.